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That is very helpful. Thank you.

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Thank you for your email. The scheduled proceeding is an Oral Argument. Oral arguments do not typically have witnesses, but only have legal presentations by the representative attorney. Therefore, ignore any reference to a witness if this does not apply to you or your case. You do not need to have a witness as it is expected to be an argument. The email and survey used the standard language for consistency.

I hope this helps. If this is not clear, please let me know.

With kind regards,

Jo Anne

From: Fox, Peg <PFox@burr.com>

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Jo Anne,

We understood the scheduled proceeding to be oral arguments on the various parties' requests for expedited review of their respective applications. Our expectation was that counsel would appear to explain the motion, and that it would not be necessary to have a company witness available to address the merits of the application. This is consistent with the Commission's standard practice for oral arguments. It is also similar to the Commission's standard practice for handling requests for expedited review, although those are typically accomplished via paper motion without scheduling oral arguments. The reference to witnesses has us questioning what the Commission may be expecting from these oral arguments. If we are misunderstanding the purpose of the scheduled oral arguments on March 15, please let us know as soon as possible. It would be helpful to have some guidance on what the Commission is expecting from the parties so that we can adequately prepare and provide the Commission with the information they need.

I sent the same request to Jerisha in response to the notice/virtual plan request for Palmetto Telephone's ETC application, and I believe other applicants will have the same question, so any guidance you can provide would be helpful. Thank you.

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The email address and telephone number provided must be that which you will be using during the course of this hearing. Please respond and answer the questions in the link for the Virtual Media Plan survey. This survey for the above referenced docket is available @ <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/26LW36P>

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If there are any preliminary matters, please advise.

Thank you in advance.

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